35. Ash-Shakur
(The Appreciative)

"Allah is so appreciative that He gives immensely for the smallest deed. Give Him your sincere intention, and He will multiply its reward beyond counting."

- Ibn Ata'Allah al-Iskandari (d. 1309 CE)
Source: "Kitab al-Hikam"
(Book of Wisdom)

Recite this Name 41 times daily for any difficulty financial, physical, spiritual or mental. Allah Ta'ala will remove the difficulty, Insha Allah - Al Hisnul Hasin

BI'ISMIHI TA'AALA

Asmaa ul Husna

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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ASH-SHAKOOR ﷻ (THAT BEING WHO IS APPRECIATIVE ﷻ, THAT BEING WHO GRANTS IN ABUNDANCE FOR LITTLE)

Ash-Shakoor ﷻ is so appreciative that when His servant does the smallest righteous action, He ﷻ grants great rewards in recompense. Ash-Shakoor ﷻ grants much more reward than is deserved.

وَمَنْ يَّقْتَرِفْ حَسَنَةً نَّزِدْ له فِيهاحُسْنًا

Whoever does a virtuous action, We grant him much more. (Shoora)

Ash-Shakoor ﷻ is that Kind Being who accepts small actions. Despite being so great, He ﷻ accepts the smallest of actions. It is not only those who do huge actions who can enter His Court. Those who perform minute actions can also attain Divine Proximity, since He ﷻ accepts those minute actions.

For this reason it is stated that the smallest of the small actions should not be intentionally left out. Who knows that by this Being who is so appreciative, forgiveness may be granted due to this small action? Rasulullaah ﷺ said, “Never regard any good action as insignificant, even if it be meeting your brother with a smiling face. (Muslim) Meeting your brother happily is outwardly an easy action. In reality, it is an act of virtue, which should never be regarded as insignificant. Be grateful for this action, so that you will be deserving of even greater reward.

INCIDENT: A person was going on a journey somewhere. He became extremely thirsty. In that era, wells were scarce. At one well, he saw water. He climbed into it and quenched his thirst. On emerging, he saw a dog panting. The thought came to him that just as this dog is panting due to thirst, I too, a short while ago, was uneasy with thirst. Immediately he removed his leather sock. He held it in his mouth, filled

it with water, and allowed the dog to drink the water in it. Allaah ﷻ appreciated this act of his, forgave him and admitted him into Paradise. (Bukhaari)

INCIDENT: A prostitute saw a dog panting due to thirst and became uneasy. Extracting water with her sock, she gave the dog water to drink. Due to this action, Allaah ﷻ forgave her. (Muslim)

INCIDENT: A man passed by a branch of a tree which was obstructing the path. He thought to himself: 'By Allaah, I will most certainly move this from the path of the Muslims so that it does not obstruct them. He was thus admitted into Paradise. Another narration states: "While a man was walking, he saw a thorny tree on the path. He moved it aside. Allaah ﷻ appreciated this act of his and forgave him." (Muslim)

Allaah ﷻ is so appreciative. For simple acts, He grants great rewards. Here are but a few examples: Rasulullaah ﷺ said,

1.) Allaah ﷻ states, "When a servant comes to Me by one span, I go closer to him by one arm's length. When he comes to Me by one arm's length, I go closer to him by two arm's length. When he comes walking to Me, I go running to him." (Bukhaari)

2.) "Purity is half of faith. Praising Allaah [by saying *al-Hamdulillaah*] fills the scale. Glorifying and praising Allaah [by saying *Sub-haa nallaah* and *al-Hamdulillaah*] both fill – or the reward fills – all the space between the heavens and the earth. Salaah is a light [which illuminates the way for the person who is constant in offering it]. Charity is a proof [of the person's faith, and evidence of his love for Allaah and His Messenger ﷺ]. Patience is an illumination [by which Allaah ﷻ illuminates the straight path for the person]. The Qur'aan is an evidence for you or against you. Every person departs in the morning and sells his soul. He either frees it [from the punishment] or destroys it [by deprivation on the day of resurrection and being distanced from the bounties of Paradise]." (Muslim)

3.) “No Muslim plants a tree without his receiving the reward of charity for whatever is eaten from it, whatever is stolen from it, and whatever someone takes from it.” (Muslim)

4.) “When a person falls ill or goes on a journey, the good deeds that he used to do while he was healthy or not travelling are recorded in his favour.” (Bukhaari)

5.) “Whoever goes to the musjid at the crack of dawn or at the end of the day, Allaah ﷻ prepares for him a special feast in Paradise for every time that he went at the crack of dawn or at the end of the day.” (Bukhaari, Muslim)

6.) Allaah ﷻ states, “Allaah ﷻ recorded the good and evil deeds. He then explained them as follows: Whoever intends doing a good deed but does not carry it out, Allaah ﷻ records it as a complete good deed. But if he intends doing a good deed and carries it out, Allaah ﷻ records it as 10 good deeds to 700 good deeds, and even more. Whoever intends doing an evil deed but does not carry it out, Allaah ﷻ records it as a good deed. But if he intends doing an evil deed and carries it out, Allaah ﷻ records it as one evil deed.” (Bukhaari, Muslim)

7.) “Allaah ﷻ is most pleased with a person when he eats a meal and thanks Allaah ﷻ for it, or takes a sip of a drink and thanks Allaah ﷻ for it.” (Muslim)

8.) “Allaah ﷻ says: ‘When I afflict My servant by taking away his two [most] beloved things [i.e. his eyes], and he remains patient [over this loss], I give him Paradise as a replacement.” (al-Bukhaari)

9.) “Whoever truthfully asks Allaah ﷻ for martyrdom, Allaah ﷻ shall convey him to the rank of the martyrs even if he passes away on his bed.” (Muslim)

10.) “When any fatigue, illness, worry, grief, injury and anxiety afflicts a Muslim – to the extent that even if a thorn pricks him – then Allaah ﷻ most certainly atones his sins through these [afflictions].” (Bukhaari, Muslim)